

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**July 14, 2015**

Arthur Carter, Chair, called the meeting to order.

The Clerk read the roll with 28 present, 1 tardy being Williams and 2 absent being Thoman and Davis.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Dalton, seconded by Leonard to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**RESOLUTION 7-1-15**

***Resolution Regarding Funding of Wisconsin's Transportation System***

**WHEREAS**, local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road miles in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads as well as city and village streets and transit systems across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a report commissioned by the Local Government Institute (LGI) the condition of Wisconsin's highways is now in the bottom third of the country; and

**WHEREAS**, state funding for local roads in Wisconsin has failed to keep up with costs over the past several decades which has adversely affected local transportation finances. According to the LGI study, municipal transportation spending has declined from \$275 per capita in 2000 to \$227 in 2012. In only two states did local transportation spending increase less than in Wisconsin during 2000-2011; and

**WHEREAS**, levy limits do not allow local government to make up for the deterioration of state funding; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's over-reliance on bonding eats away at the state's segregated funding sources – the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees – which increasingly go to pay debt service rather than fund local transportation needs; and

**WHEREAS**, safety is a primary concern and responsibility of local governments across Wisconsin. Unfortunately, according to TRIP, a national non-profit transportation research group, Wisconsin had 347 non-interstate, rural road fatalities in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the board recognizes that our state highway and interstate system is the backbone of our surface transportation system and plays a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin. Both local and state roads need to be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and

**WHEREAS**, from a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less than any of our neighbors when you combine the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Finance and Policy Commission, appointed by the Governor and Legislature clearly found that if Wisconsin does not adjust its user fees, the condition of both our state and local roads will deteriorate significantly over the next decade.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board urges the Governor and Legislature to agree upon a sustainable solution: one that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately fund Wisconsin's transportation system. Furthermore, the County Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our State Legislators and to Governor Scott Walker.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that every month that state and local repairs are deferred increases the cost to the taxpayers.

**SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:**

Ray Francois, Chair

Harvey Mandel, Vice-Chair

Cal Wickline

Russ Torkelson

Ron Wolter

Motion by Francois, seconded by Mandel to approve Resolution 7-1-15. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**RESOLUTION 7-2-15**

***RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE 2015-2017 BIENNIAL BUDGET REGARDING SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS (ADRCs)***

**WHEREAS**, the ADRCs began in Wisconsin almost 20 years ago with bi-partisan support and have expanded to every county in Wisconsin becoming a national model other states have replicated; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin located in Green County has been in operation since

May of 2000. Grant, Iowa and Lafayette Counties are also included in the Southwest Wisconsin ADRC consortium. The ADRCs were created to be a "one stop shop" to assist older people and people living with disabilities to better understand their long-term care options, conserve their resources and remain in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the customers have consistently reported high levels of satisfaction with their local ADRC services; and

**WHEREAS**, over 95% of the customers that contact the ADRC are seeking options in using personal assets for needed assistance in their home; and

**WHEREAS**, less than 5% of the customer contacts with the ADRC resulted in enrollment into publicly funded long-term care programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the governor's budget notes that there is no fiscal impact connected to the proposed changes, but includes significant changes that will affect services to those individuals 60 years of age and older and persons with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADRC Governing Boards currently provide the customers they serve as well as local officials with direct involvement in planning, oversight and quality. This collaborative partnership has also been successful in developing community partnerships and obtaining local volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, retaining the local, county operated ADRCs ensures that all citizens, including the most vulnerable, are given full access to needed resources and services. County governance provides local oversight and accountability to the community and its residence; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the key successes of the current ADRC model is that it is the first place to go locally for unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging and/or disabilities. Dividing ADRC functions would eliminate the ability to provide customers with comprehensive assessments and services, decrease efficiencies and potentially increase costs.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board recommends that Wisconsin retain its existing successful and cost-effective models of Family Care, IRIS, and ADRCs, and expand those models statewide to eliminate waiting lists, sustain quality, and achieve further savings; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and Green County's Legislative Representatives with the request that they assist in this endeavor.

**SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Herb Hanson, Chair

Jerry Guth, Vice-Chair

Beth Luchsinger

Kate Maresch

Michael Furgal

Russ Torkelson

Gayl Christensen

Anita Huffman

Sandy Horn

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Furgal to approve Resolution 7-2-15. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

#### **RESOLUTION 7-3-15**

##### ***Resolution Awarding County Clerk Contract in Excess of \$75,000***

**WHEREAS**, County Code Section 1-11-2, entitled COUNTY PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS, provides for review, approval and execution of all county contracts and purchases necessary to carry out approved budget operations; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1-11-2(A)(4) states: Cost or price in excess of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00), recommendation by the appropriate department head and the supervisory committee to the full County Board and approval by the full Board before the purchase is made. Execution of the contract documents shall be by the Green County Board Chair and the appropriate committee chair, after the document has been reviewed by the Green County Corporation Counsel; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board approve the recommendation of the Green County Finance and Accounting Committee for the purchase of the following election equipment:

**Vendor: Dominion Voting Systems**

**Equipment: 23 ICE election tabulators, 22 ballot boxes, plus equipment, software, modems, servers, testing and training for election management**

**Cost: \$452,019, spread over 8 years at annual cost of \$56,502**

**SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:**

Harvey Mandel, Chair  
Dennis Everson  
Jerry Guth

Arthur Carter  
Patrick Davis

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:**

Harvey Mandel, Finance Committee Chair  
Arthur Carter, County Board Chair  
Brian Bucholtz, Corporation Counsel

Motion by Mandel, seconded by Guth to approve Resolution 7-3-15. Motion to amend the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph to read "lease" instead of "purchase" made by Guth, seconded by Klossner. Motion to approve as amended carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Francois, seconded by Mandel to approve the annual report for the Highway Department. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Furgal, seconded by Klossner to approve the annual report for the Veteran's Service Office. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Furgal, seconded by Hanson to approve the annual report for the Clerk of Circuit Court. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Dalton, seconded by Rufenacht to approve the annual report for the Sheriff's Office. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Luchsinger to approve the annual report for Human Services. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Klossner, seconded by Everson to approve the following appointments: Ted Fahey and Cal Wasserstrass to the Green County Board of Adjustment for three-year terms to end July 1, 2018, and Ernest Webnar to the Solid Waste Board for the balance of a term to end April 21, 2017. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Guth to approve the following out-of-state travel requests: Penny Dunlavey and Dee Jaye Miles, Human Services, to the mandatory Child Accreditation Boot Camp on August 24-27 in Huntsville, AL; Megan Schilt, Human Services, to Trauma-Based Cognitive Behavioral Therapy on September 9-11 in Huntsville, AL. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Dalton, seconded by Wickline to approve the following out-of-state travel request: Katherine Vetterli, Sheriff's Office, to the National Council of Negotiation Associates Conference on August 19-21 in Indianapolis, IN. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Kubly, seconded by Guth to adjourn. Motion carried.

STATE OF WISCONSIN            )  
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COUNTY OF GREEN            )

I, Michael J. Doyle, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors of Green County, Wisconsin, on their meeting of July 14, 2015, A.D.

Michael J. Doyle  
Green County Clerk